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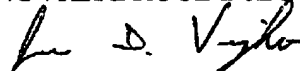
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The applicant in this case claims small entity status within the meaning of 37 CFR

1.27(a). Accordingly, a refund of half the filing/search/examination fees in the amount of \$450 is requested. Please credit this amount to Deposit Account No. 14.1437, or if more appropriate, to the credit card listed on the form PTO-2038 filed with the application.

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